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John,

Regarding your potential question from Durenberger:

1. [ ] notes that the Director gave a firm commitment that we would voluntarily review historical records for possible declassification. The game plan is that once FOIA is passed [ ] will be ready to move to implement this "historical access program." Durenberger apparently promised to obtain additional resources that might be necessary for this program. The Historian, [ ] will be asked to identify topics of potential interest to historians/academicians. These topics would then be cleared by the system. If agreement were reached, these materials would then be reviewed for declassification. He emphasized that he's talking about old material, probably 30-40 years old.

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2. [ ] believes the Director's commitment was so strong that we might be obligated to implement such a program whether or not the FOIA bill goes through.

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